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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference N 1931-1 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/SE99/01075	International filing date (day/month/year) 16.06.1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 22.06.1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC7 C07C 279/12, C07C 275/28, C07D 295/135, A61K 51/00, A61K 49/00, A61K 31/17, A61K 31/40		
Applicant AstraZeneca AB et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 18.01.2000	Date of completion of this report 18.09.2000
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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

- the international application as originally filed.
- the description, pages _____, as originally filed,
 pages _____, filed with the demand,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
 Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
 Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- the drawings, ~~sheets~~/fig _____, as originally filed,
~~sheets~~/fig _____, filed with the demand
~~sheets~~/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
~~sheets~~/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, ~~sheets~~/fig _____

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application,

claims Nos. 15, 20-22

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 15, 20-22

relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

See PCT Rule 67.1.(iv).: Methods for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods.

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____
are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. _____

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2-14, 16-19</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>11, 12</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-10, 13, 14, 16-19</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-14, 16-19</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations

The claimed invention relates to novel 1,4-substituted phenyl compounds of the general formula (I), a process for their preparation, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the novel compounds and their use in therapy, in particular in the management of pain.

The following relevant documents are cited:

- A) WO 9639382 A1 (FUJISAWA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.), 12 December 1996 (12.12.96)
- B) EP 0507291 A1 (YOSHITOMI PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.), 7 October 1992 (07.10.92), page 12, line 23, the claims
- C) WO 9737646 A1 (BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY), 16 October 1997 (16.10.97), page 31, line 6 -line 11

Document A) discloses compounds of a general formula, which embraces compounds of claim 1 of the present application or are structurally close to the compounds according to claims 2-5. The compounds have pharmacological activities and are inter alia useful for treatment of disorders associated with spinal trauma. Thus, claim 1 is not considered to be novel. Claims 2-10, 13, 14 and 16-19, are not considered to show inventive step as what is mentioned there seems to be obvious practical measures for a person skilled in the art. The applicant has not shown that the claimed compounds are likely to have any unexpected beneficial effects compared to those in the cited document.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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Document B) discloses therapeutically useful compounds, which are structurally close to the compounds claimed in claims 1-5 of the present application. Thus, claims 1-6, 18 and 19 are not considered to show inventive step.

Document C) discloses a compound, which is structurally close to the compounds claimed in claims 1-5 of the present application. The compound is an intermediate for preparing therapeutically useful compounds.

Consequently, the invention claimed in claim 1 is not considered to fulfil the requirements of novelty and inventive step, but is considered to fulfil the requirement of industrial applicability. The invention claimed in claims 2-14 and 16-19 is considered to fulfil the requirements of novelty and industrial applicability. The invention claimed in claims 11 and 12 is considered to fulfil the requirement of inventive step, but the invention claimed in claims 2-10, 13, 14 and 16-19 is not considered to fulfil the requirement of inventive step.

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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
WO9852558	26.11.1998	21.05.1998	23.05.1997

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)
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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 28 July 2000 (28.07.00)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference N 1931-1 WO	
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1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

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2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

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<p align="center">The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland</p> <p>Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35</p>	<p align="center">Authorized officer Beate Giffo-Schmitt</p> <p>Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38</p>
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3. Further observations, if necessary:

After the change of name as specified above, the applicant has now assigned all rights to ASTRAZENECA AB and shall therefore be deleted from the records. ASTRAZENECA AB shall now be recorded as applicant for all designated States except the United States of America.

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